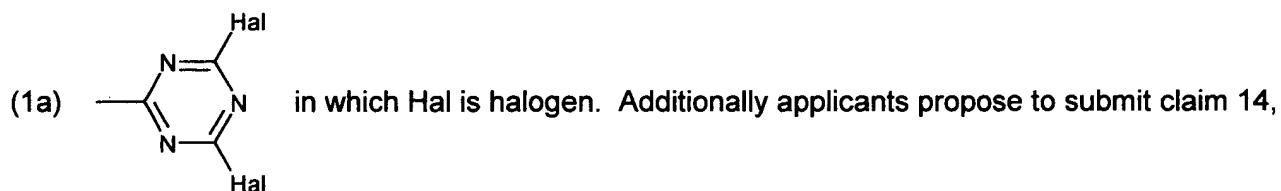


REMARKS

Responsive to numbered item 5 on page 3 of the Office action, applicants note that their IDS with a PTO 1449 form was submitted on April 23, 2002, and the USPTO's PALM System confirms its receipt on April 30th. Applicants did not submit copies of the references since no copies of references of record in the parent file need to be submitted and no new references were cited.

Applicants note with appreciation that the examiner has examined claim 12 in full (page 5, last paragraph 3 of the Office action) and has indicated allowable subject matter. Hence, to hasten prosecution, applicants propose to limit claim 12 to compounds wherein R₃ is a radical of the formula



having the scope of former claim 12, but limited to compounds wherein R₄ is a radical of formula (1b), which is -HC=O.

Claims 12 and 14 will be pending in this application on entry of said amendment. Since the examiner has indicated allowable subject matter wherein previous claim 12 is limited to the scope of presently presented claims 12 and 14, entry of said amendment is respectfully solicited.

Claim 12 has been amended in accord with the current rules in which underlining shows additions and strikethrough shows deletions. No new matter has been added.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Responsive thereto applicants propose to change (1) to (12) and to incorporate the examiner's helpful suggestions.

It is respectfully submitted that both claims submitted for reconsideration are in good formal order. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is therefore solicited.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by a variety of references. However, in light of the amendment discussed supra, no detailed discussion of said references is

deemed necessary. Applicants aver that neither claim 12 nor claim 13 embraces any of the compounds pointed to by the examiner in said references.

Since there are no other grounds of objection or rejection, passage of this application to issue with claims 12 and 14 is earnestly solicited.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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